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FORMER SHREVEPORT NEWS RADIO PERSONALITY PLEADS GUILTY TO ATTEMPTED ENTICEMENT OF A MINOR ON THE INTERNET

Defendant faces 30 years in prison

Shreveport, Louisiana . . . MICHAEL SIEVE, age 38, of Shreveport, Louisiana, a former news radio personality in Shreveport, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to using the Internet to attempt to entice a minor to engage in sexual conduct, United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced today. The hearing was held before United States District Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.

An indictment was returned in September 2006 charging SIEVE with using the Internet to attempt to entice a minor to engage in sexual activity. Testimony at the hearing today established that on June 16, 2006, SIEVE contacted an undercover police officer, who was posing as a 14-year old girl, on the Internet in a chatroom via instant messaging and began chatting with her. SIEVE propositioned the minor female to engage in sexually explicit conduct with him and asked the minor female if she had any friends that would join them to engage in sexually explicit conduct. It was further revealed that on that same date, after communicating online with a male and female, both undercover police officers posing as minors and who

were allegedly friends of the 14-year old female, SIEVE agreed to meet them to engage in sexually explicit conduct in a group setting involving all three minors.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit: www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

SIEVE faces a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both. Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was investigated by the Northwest Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Earl M. Campbell.

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